Then the Prince, in token of their amity, offered the Ambassador of the Templanans and some of his retinue the Knighthood of the Helmet, an order of his own institution So the King at Arms placed the Ambassador and some of his followers, and also some of the Templanans, that they might receive the dignity at his hands , which done, the Prince came down from his chair of state, and put a Collar about the Ambassador's neck, he kneeling on his left knee, and said to him, [c] *Sots Chevalier* *, and so was done to the rest, to the number of twenty-four

Then the King at Arms stood forth, and after a speech read out the Articles of the Order, being of this nature

Item, No knight shall be inquisitive towards any lady or gentleman, whether her beauty be English or Italian, or whether with care taking she have added half a foot to her stature, but take all to the best Neither shall any knight presume to affirm that faces were better twenty years ago than they are at this present time, except such knight have passed three climactencal years

Item, No knight shall put out any money upon strange returns or performances to be made by his own person, as to hop up the stairs to the top of St Paul's without intermission, or any such like agilities or endurances, except it may appear that the same practices do enable him to some service or employment, as if he do undertake to go a journey backward, the same shall be thought to enable him to be an Ambassador unto Turkey

Item, No knight, that hath licence to travel, be it by map, card, sea or land, and hath returned, shall presume upon the warrant of a traveller to report any extraordinary varieties, as that he hath ndden through Venice on

horseback post, or travelled over the most part of the countries of Geneva

Item, Every knight shall endeavour to be much in the books of the worshipful citizens next adjoining to the tern tones of Purpool, and none shall unlearnedly, or without looking, pay ready money for any wares, to the lU example of others, and utter suppression of credit betwixt man and man

Item, Every knight shall endeavour to add conference and experience by reading, and therefore shall not only read and peruse Guizo, *Tiff French Academy,* Galiatho, *The Courtier,* Plutarch, the *Arcadia,* and the Neotencal writers from time